

HCS HB 183 -- YOUTH VIOLENCE PREVENTION

SPONSOR: Franks Jr.

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Special Committee on Urban Issues by a vote of 5 to 0. Voted "Do Pass by Consent" by the Committee on Consent and House Procedure by a vote of 13 to 0.

This bill designates June 7 as "Christopher Harris Day" to remember children in St. Louis and throughout the state of Missouri lost to violence, and encourages the citizens of Missouri to observe the day through education relating to issues of safety and violence prevention.

PROPONENTS: Supporters say that banning guns, alone, will not prevent gun violence. There needs to be more education and programs such as mentoring and job training that would provide alternatives to living a violent life on the streets.

Testifying for the bill was Representative Franks Jr.

OPPONENTS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.